



ZUMBRO RIVER RAMBLE

**Discovering Our Connections to the Zumbro River
June 26 to July 1, 2004**

If there is enough interest and support, Rochester will coordinate a unique educational opportunity for people who are curious to learn more about the Zumbro River and how we are connected to it. By water, it will be a canoe and kayak flotilla from Rochester to the Mississippi River with multiple- and single-day participation options. By land, non-boaters will be able to join the flotilla at pre-planned, road-accessible river stops to partake in short, location-specific programs.

This proposed Rochester Sesquicentennial event will be an opportunity to get "up close and personal" with the river that starts in our own backyard and links us to the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico. It is being scheduled to coordinate with two additional events: Rochesterfest and the re-enactment of an 1854 steamboat flotilla on the Mississippi River, known as the Grand Excursion 2004.

Does this appeal to you? If so, please help me assess the level of interest for this event by completing this short questionnaire.

Please check each box that represents how you would like to participate.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning committee member | <input type="checkbox"/> Program speaker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial sponsor | <input type="checkbox"/> Logistics crew member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-day canoe participant | <input type="checkbox"/> Single-day canoe participant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Short program attendee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Possible program topics are listed below. Check those that interest you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> What makes the Zumbro River so unique | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing on the Zumbro River |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Why is the water quality of Zumbro River classified as "impaired" | <input type="checkbox"/> Watershed connections & local water planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crewing demonstration on Silver Lake | <input type="checkbox"/> Low impact camping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Geese of Silver Lake and their impact on water quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Septic systems and their affect on Lake Zumbro |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural practices that protect the river | <input type="checkbox"/> Participating in a river clean-ups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Geology of the Zumbro River valley | <input type="checkbox"/> River and lake monitoring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing and kayaking lessons for beginners on Lake Zumbro | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Management in the Dorer Memorial Hardwood Forest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Zebra Mussel invasion | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetlands and the river |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hyrdo-power and lake level management; their effect on Lake Zumbro and the Zumbro River | <input type="checkbox"/> "Mingling of Waters" ceremony at the mouth of the Mississippi River with the steamboat flotilla |

Your name, address and phone # here:

Return your questionnaire to:

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